Houston 'Warlock' Lifts Curse on Dallas

DALLAS (AP)—A seven-year curse was lifted from the city of Dallas Friday by a "white magic warlock" who claimed the time ripe for outwitting a malignant black coven which imposed it. A coven is a group of 13 witches or warlocks.

Few citizens were aware what was happening in their midst. But then few knew about the curse either.

Gene De Jean, who when not lifting curses is a Houston psychologist named Gene McIntosh, alighted from a black velvetized Cadillac at a downtown intersection to proclaim the city free.

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HE STOOD beneath the surrounding skyscrapers in a long black cloak bearing a silver emblem which he said was symbol for the secret name of God. Seizing a bell with jewel-encrusted handle from a black-robed acolyte, Lee Thompson of Houston, he rang it three times, made the sign of the cross and muttered magic incantations.

Then he moved around a circle of kneeling devotees, holding the head of each in his hands, violently shaking it as he cried "Aum, Aum," which he said was a blessing.

As the brief ceremony ended, De Jean cried loudly: "Free, free—everyone is now free." A Dallas cop and a crowd of home-going office workers gazed stolidly.

"Anyone care for a blessing?" the warlock offered. Several people in the crowd, apparently overcome by the occasion, kneeled on the dusty sidewalk so their heads could be shaken.

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DE JEAN, WHO calls himself a high priest warlock, later explained that he "became aware" that a black magic coven in Dallas had put a curse on Dallas about the time of President John F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963. He had to wait seven years, he said, before his white magic could lift it.

He said the incantations he had muttered in magic language could be translated as "curses like chickens go home to roost," which make it look like the black coven has a rough time coming.

"There is no way anything can happen in Dallas now," he exulted. "Politicians can come, Presidents can come. Everything will be fine."

De Jean said he was working next on a curse which he says causes U.S. presidents to die in office every 20 years. He did not say who imposed it.

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"I HOPE to break the 20-year curse," he said.

There was possibly no connection, but the Texas Association of Magicians is having a convention in Dallas this week. And Gene De Jean happens to be a member of it.

"Pure coincidence," he said. "But there are strong psychic powers in Dallas."

Incidentally, black magic warlocks are the destructive ones who impose curses. White magic warlocks are the other kind, who lift them.

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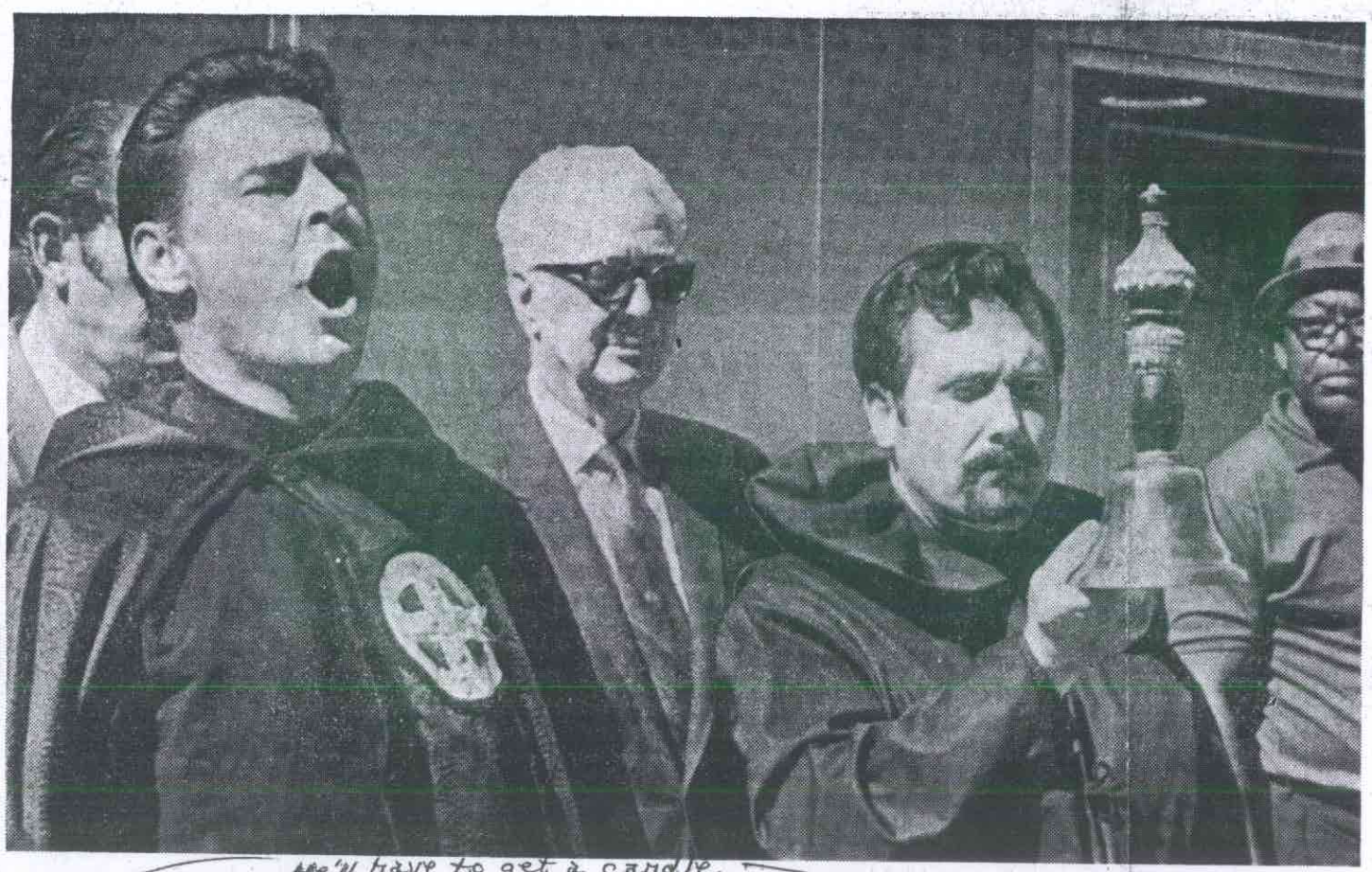

He'll have to get a candle.

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CURSE YOU, CURSE—A seven-year curse was lifted from the city of Dallas Friday by a "white magic warlock" who claimed the time ripe for outwitting a malignant black coven which imposed the curse. Gene De Jean, left, is shown in action on a downtown street. His acolyte is Lee Thompson, holding the bell. Both are from Houston. De Jean said he had to wait seven years to lift the curse.